would like to explore if allowed." In your response to a question raised at the Committee's hearing, you indicated that you have not been formally presented with the recommendations of this Subcommittee. When do you expect that this will occur, and what action will the Department take in response to these recommendations?

Answer:

The OCS Policy Committee provides advice to the Secretary of the Interior on implementing the OCS Lands Act. Representing the collective viewpoint of coastal states, environmental interests, industry and other parties. The Policy Committee advises the Department, through the Minerals Management Service, on a number of important issues involving our Nation's energy policy. The Committee establishes subcommittees to study issues in-depth and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full committee. Committee recommendations are forwarded to the Secretary.

On May 24, 2001, the OCS Policy Committee amended the Natural Gas Subcommittee recommendations and adopted a resolution to forward its amended recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior. On June 7, 2001, I received a letter from the Policy Committee forwarding a resolution to transmit 12 recommendations "to encourage increasing natural gas production from the OCS." I plan to take all 12 recommendations under advisement.

Copies of the Policy Committee's Resolution and Recommendations are attached.

Question 53(i): Who are the current Members respectively of the Natural Gas Subcommittee, the Outer Continental Shelf Advisory Committee, and the Minerals Management Advisory Board? For each of these panels, how many Members are employed by, affiliated with or have financial ties to the oil and natural gas industries, including consultants to those industries? How many Members are from environmental, consumer, or public interest organizations?

Answer:

The members of the Natural Gas Subcommittee were:

Jerome M. Selby (Chair), Consultant for the Mayor of Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska; Patrick S. Galvin, Division of Governmental Coordination, Juneau, Alaska; Robert R. Jordan, Delaware Geological Survey, Newark, Delaware; Jack C. Caldwell, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Lawrence C. Schmidt, Department of Environmental Protection, Trenton, New Jersey; Daniel F. McLawhorn, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Raleigh, North Carolina; Bruce F. Vild, Statewide Planning Program, Providence, Rhode Island; Andrew L. Hardiman, Chevron Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Business Unit, New Orleans, Louisiana; Paul L. Kelly, Rowan Companies, Inc., Houston, Texas; George N. Ahmaogak, Sr., Mayor, North Slope Borough, Barrow, Alaska Environmental Community advisor.

The Minerals Management Advisory Board is comprised of four committees, the OCS Policy Committee, the Royalty Policy Committee, the Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee (inactive), and the OCS Scientific Committee. The advice and information that the Board, through its committees, provides to the Department and MMS are unique. The members serve as MMS's primary contact to the Governor's offices and Native American Indian tribes. These members bring into focus a broad range of knowledge and invaluable perspective and provide for distillation of data affecting offshore oil and gas exploration and development and royalty management. The committee meetings also provide opportunities for parties with an interest in OCS oil and gas development and royalty management issues to discuss their differences in an open forum and examine alternatives to resolve conflicts.

OCS Policy Committee

12 Discretionary Members

	Member	Name	
Environmental Community	Warner	Chabot	VP for Regional Operations Center for Marine Conservation
Environmental Community	Linda	Shead	Executive Director, Galveston Bay Foundation
Fisheries Industry	Richard	Gutting	President, National Fisheries Institute
Local Government	George	Ahmaogak	Mayor, North Slope

			Borough
Local Government	Jerome	Shelby	Consultant, Mayor of
			Anchorage
Major Oil Industry	Tina	Langtry	General Manager,
			Exploration and
			Reservoir
			Characterization,
			Conoco, Inc.
Marine Mining Industry	George	Banino	VP, Earth Tech, Inc.
Natural Gas Industry	Andrew	Hardiman	VP, GOM Deepwater
			Business Unit,
			Chevron U.S.A.
Offshore Support Industry	Paul	Kelly	Senior VP, Rowan
			Companies
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24 State Members

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Alabama	Donald	Oltz	Director, Geological
			Survey of Alabama
Alaska	Patrick	Galvin	Director, Division of
			Governmental
			Coordination, Alaska
California	Vacant		
Connecticut	Arthur	Rocque	Commissioner,
			Department of
			Environmental
			Protection
Delaware	Robert	Jordan	State Geologist and
			Director, Delaware
			Geological Survey
Florida	Lisa	Edgar	Deputy Secretary,
		57.0	Florida Department of
			Environmental
			Protection
Georgia	William	McLemore	State Geologist,
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Member

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Hawaii	Seiji	Naya	Survey Director, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism
Louisiana	Jack	Caldwell	Secretary, Department of Natural Resources
Maine	Julie	Hashem	Policy Development Specialist, Maine State Planning Office
Maryland	Emery	Cleaves	Director and State Geologist, Maryland Geological Survey
Massachusetts	Susan	Snow-Cotter	Assistant Director, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Office
Mississippi	Charles	Chisolm	Executive Director, Environmental Quality, Mississippi
New Hampshire	David	Hartman	Manager, New Hampshire Coastal Program
New Jersey	Larry	Schmidt	Director, Office of Program Coordination, New Jersey Environmental Protection Office
New York	Vacant		
North Carolina	Donna	Moffitt	Director, Coastal Management, Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon	Nan	Evans	Acting Manager, Coastal Ocean Program, Land and Conservation Development
Pennsylvania	Vacant		
Rhode Island	Samuel	Reid	Policy Advisor, Rhode Island State House

South Carolina	Victor	Burrell	Director Emeritus, Marine Resources
Tanas	Labor	Connel	Research Institute
Texas	John	Sneed	Deputy Commissioner, Intergovernmental Relations and Policy, Texas Land Office
Virginia	Vacant		
Washington	Therese	Swanson	Senior Coastal Policy Analyst, Coastal/Shorelands Section, Washington Shorelands & Environmental Assistance Program

OCS Policy Committee Federal Members

Agency	Member	<u>Name</u>	
DOE	Mitchell	Baer	Office of Policy
DOI	Piet	DeWitt	Acting Assistant
			Secretary, Land
DOI	Joseph	Doddridge	Minerals Management Acting Assistant
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			Wildlife and Parks
DOC	Ramona	Schreiber	Environmental
			Protection
			Coordination, Office
			of Policy and Strategic Planning
Navy	Duncan	Holaday	Deputy Assistant
)	Duncun	riciaday	Secretary, Installation
			and Facilities
DOI	Carolita	Kallaur	Associate Director,
			Minerals Management
DOI	Thomas	Vitara	Service
DOI	Inomas	Kitsos	Acting Director, Minerals Management
			Service
EPA	Anne	Miller	Acting Director, Office

of Federal Activities

Coast Guard Paul Pluta Assistant

Commandant, Marine

Safety and Environmental Protection

Chief, Office of Ocean Maureen Walker State

Affairs

Royalty Policy Committee

12 State and Indian Members

State/Tribe/Organization	Member	Name
Southern Ute Indian Tribe (1 year term)	Karen	Anderson
State of Louisiana	Jack	Caldwell
Western Governor's Association	Ronald	Cattany
Council of Energy Resource Tribes	David	Harrison
Oklahoma Indian Mineral Owners Assoc.	Eddie	Jacobs
State of Wyoming	Stephen	Reynolds
Ute Tribe	Tom	Shipps
Navajo Nation	Perry	Shirley
Western States Land Commissioners Association	Pary	Shofner
Western Governor's Association	Brad	Simpson
Jicarilla Apache Tribe and	Alan	Taradash
Shii Shi Kevah Allottee Assoc.		

Vacancy- Renomination Received from Western States

Land Commissioners Association

9 Minerals Industry Members

Industry	Member	Name
Council of Petroleum Accountant Societies	John	Clark
Chairperson, API Royalty Management Task Force	Wendy	Daboval
National Mining Association	William	Hartzler
National Mining Association	David	Landry
Independent Petroleum Association of America	Tammy	Naron
Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association	Robert	Price
Welborn Sullivan Mech & Tooley, PC	Hugh	Schaefer
Senior Council Enron Oil and Gas Co.	Steven	Williams
Vacancy		

4 Discretionary Members

Attorney	Sandy	Blackstone
Attorney	Lee	Helfrich
State Geologist, Oklahoma	Charles	Mankin

Federal Members

Agency	<u>Member</u>	Name
DOI, Bureau of Indian Affairs	Don	Aubertin
DOI, Bureau of Land Management	Pete	Culp
Department of Treasury	Cynthia	Johnson
DOI, Minerals Management Service	Tom	Kitsos
DOE	John	Pyrdol
DOI, Minerals Management Service	Lucy	Querques-
		Denett
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Vacancy	

OCS Scientific Committee

15 Academic and Industry Members

Member	Name	Organization
Dr. Stan	Albrecht	Executive VP and Provost, Utah State University
Robert	Carney	Associate Professor, Coastal Ecology Institute
Dr. James	Coleman	Boyd Professor, Coastal Studies Institute
Dr. Cortis	Cooper	Senior Staff Scientist, Chevron Petroleum
		Technology Company
Dr. Eric	Crecelius	Technical group Leader, Marine Sciences Laboratory
George	Forristall	Research Advisory, Shell Global Solutions, U.S.
Duane	Gill	Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social
		Work, Mississippi State University
Oliver	Goldsmith	Professor of Economics, University of Alaska
Dr. J. Frederic	ck Grassle	Director, Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences,
		Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Dr. Steven	Murray	Professor, Department of Biological Science,
		California State University of Fullerton
Dr. Henry	Niebauer	Senior Scientist, Department of Atmospheric and
		Ocean Sciences, University of Wisconsin
Edella	Schlager	Associate Professor, School of Public
		Administration and Policy, University of Arizona

Dr. William Schroeder Professor and Coordinator, Marine Science Program,

University of Alabama

Lynda Shapiro Professor of Biology, Director, Institute of Marine

Biology, University of Oregon

Dr. Douglas Wartzok Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Dean of the

Graduate School, University of Missouri

Federal Members

Carolita Kallaur Associate Director, Offshore Minerals Management,

MMS

Robert LaBelle Chief, Environmental Division, MMS

Dr. Ken Turgeon Chief Scientist, MMS

Question 53(j): Do you intend to revisit the moratorium on oil and gas exploration in the Georges Bank, as the Natural Gas Subcommittee has recommended? Do you intend to authorize any further studies, reports, or other evaluations of drilling in the Georges Bank? If so, what would be the purpose of such studies, reports or other examinations be?

Answer: The Adminis

The Administration supports the current moratoria and there are no plans under consideration for exploration and development in the Georges Bank area.

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Subcommittee recommendations and adopted a resolution to
forward its amended recommendations to the Secretary of the
Interior. On June 7, 2001, I received a letter from the Policy
Committee forwarding a resolution to transmit 12 recommendations
"to encourage increasing natural gas production from the OCS." I
plan to take all 12 recommendations under advisement.

Question 53(k): According to press reports, in a May 9, 2001 interview,
Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham stated that he was "not
aware of any changes to any of the moratoria" and that "I don't
think that's been at all under consideration, to my knowledge."
Your testimony, on the other hand, seems to indicate that the
Administration is trying to obtain information that would form
the basis for making such changes.

Answer: My testimony was not intended to indicate any lack of support of

current OCS moratoria. The Administration supports current